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Mr. Marv Hoyt  
Idaho Director  
Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
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Dear Mr. Hoyt:

Thank you for your letter of January 27, 2006, to Administrator Stephen L. Johnson concerning your petition to add phosphate rock mining to the list of facilities that are required to report under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Administrator Johnson asked that I respond to your letter since the Office of Information Access and Analysis (OIAA) has responsibility for the EPCRA section 313 program. I understand your interest in adding phosphate mining to the list of facilities that must report under EPCRA section 313 and your concern that the public should have access to information on environmental releases from phosphate mines.

Subject to available resources, EPA will review your petition and make an assessment as to whether or not phosphate mines should be added to the list of facilities required to report under EPCRA section 313.

If you have any questions concerning your petition please contact Mike Petruska, Director of the Toxics Release Inventory Program Division, at 202-566-0686.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael P. Flynn", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael P. Flynn, Director  
Office of Information Analysis and Access